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SUBJECT: JANUARY 7 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. VIETNAM

FIVE-MEMBER WB ECON MISSION, HEADED BY EDWARD HAWKINS, SCHEDULED ARRIVE HANOI VIA PEKING 1/18 IN 1ST STEP TOWARDS INTLLY-FINANCED RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. IN RELATED MOVE, ADB DISPATCHED 7-MEMBER MISSION LAST SUNDAY TO STUDY HANOI'S REQUEST TAKE OVER 11 LOANS GRANTED TO SAIGON REGIME (OBERDORFER, WP; AP, SUN).

2. CHINA

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PEKING WALL POSTERS MARK 1ST ANNIVERSARY CHOU'S DEATH. EIGHT-PAGE POSTER REFERRED TO TENG HSIAO-PING AS "COMRADE" WHO UNFAIRLY BLAMED BY RADICALS FOR DISTURBANCE IN TIEN AN MEN SQUARE LAST APRIL. ANOTHER POSTER DEMANDED DEATH TO GANG OF 4'S "DOG'S HEAD"--REFERENCE TO FORMER VICE-PREMIER CHANG CHUN-CHIAO (MATHEWS, WP; BUTTEFIELD, NYT; AP,SUN).

ROGERS (REUTER PEKING) ADDS OFFICIAL MEDIA STOPPED CRITICISM OF TENG SINCE RADICALS' ARREST, HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY STATED CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM MANIPULATED BY GANG OF 4.

NCNA CLAIMS PRC'S OIL PRODUCTION INCREASED 13 PCT LAST YEAR, MARKING RECORD HIGH 625.8 MIL BBL. NO EXPORT FIGURES CITED, THO ANALYSTS BELIEVE THEY DROPPED ABOUT 15 MIL BBL FRO; 19;5 (UPI, JOC; NYT; ISAACS, SUN).

3. JAPAN

CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS 20 OR MORE HIGH-RANKING MEMBERS JAPAN-CHINA ECON ASSN PLAN TRAVEL TO PRC EARLY NEXT MONTH ON MISSION IMPROVE TRADE/DIP RELS. MISSION EXPECTS TALK W/HUA, OTHER TOP-LEVEL GOVT/CCP LEADERS.

JAPAN WILL SOON FILE OBJECTION W/US OVER FISHING FEES TO BE IMPOSED WITHIN 200 MILE LIMIT 3/1. FISHERY AGENCY ASKING FEES BE CUT BY TWO THIRDS (REUTER TOKYO).

GOJ TRADE AUTHORITIES FEAR MASSIVE TRADE SURPLUS IN '77, UNLESS FUKUDA'S REFLATIONARY ATTEMPTS SUCCEED (CULLISON).

4. KOREA

WP'S SAAR (SEOUL) REPORTS ROK/US TRYING MEND RELATIONS HURT BY SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING REPORTS--SAYS DIPLOMATS BOTH NATIONS INSISTING BASIC RELATIONSHIP "SOLID, FRIENDLY, AND UNCHANGED." "EXPERT OBSERVERS" ASSERT 2 GOVTS ACTING CON-UNCLASSIFIED

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TAIN CRISIS THREATENING ECON/MIL/POL TIES. SAAR SEES "SKEPTICISM, SUSPICION AND ANXIETY" SK OVER US RELIABILITY AS ALLY--STATES KOREANS WONDER HOW SCANDAL WILL AFFECT US PUBLIC/CONG SUPPORT FOR ROKG.

UPI'S MARKS (TOKYO 1/6) WRITES THAT US TROOP STRENGTH ROK WILL DROP GRADUALLY UNDER CARTER ADMIN W/O SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON SECURITY. MARKS STATES AMB SNEIDER, IN KOREA TIMES INTERVIEW, SAID CARTER WILL NOT CHANGE US POLICY DRASTICALLY/NK WILL NOT BENEFIT FROM ANY TROOP CUTS. "AMERICAN SOURCES" JAPAN EXPECT TROOP DROP TO ABOUT 35,00U IN YR AS DUTIES TURNED OVER TO ROK--ADD MINIMUM NUMBER US TROOPS NEEDED DEFEND AGAINST COMMUNIST ATTACK 15,000/ANY LOWER STRENGTH WOULD "SIGNAL A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT."

5. GENERAL

CARTER NAMES HIS CHOICES FOR 6 MAJOR STATE DEPT POSTS, DI-

RECTOR USIA. SELECTIONS ARE PHILIP HABIB REMAIN UNDER SEC
POL AFFAIRS, RICHARD COOPER AS UNDER SEC ECON AFFAIRS,
LUCY BENSON UNDER SEC SECURITY ASSISTANCE, SCIENCE/TECHNOL-
OGY, RICHARD MOOSE DEP UNDER SEC MGT, ANTHONY LAKE DIR POL

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PLNG, MATTHEW NIMETZ DEPT COUNSEL, JOHN REINHARD; DIRECTOR
USIA (REUTER). EVANS/NOVAK (WP) SAY HILL DEMS DISCON-
TENTED/ANGRY OVER METHOD STATE SELECTIONS--KEY CONGRESSMEN
NOT CONSULTED/NOTIFIED EARLY RE APPOINTEES. CLAIM SELEC-
TION PROCESS HAS HURT SEC-DESIGNATE VANCE ON HILL.

;S ITC VOTED 1/6 RECOMMEND TO PRES RESTRICTION ON FOOTWEAR
IMPORTS TO PROTECT US PRODUCERS--ALSO VOTED RAISE TARIFF
ON ALL SHOE IMPORTS ABOVE 265 MIL PAIR YR. DECISION RE
ACTION NOW UP TO PRES--MAY PASS TO CARTER. UNDER ITC PLAN,
ANNUAL QUOTAS ALLOCATED WOULD INCLUDE 88.28 MIL PAIR/TAI-
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WAN, 9.2 MIL PAIR/ROK, 5.8 MIL PAIR/JAPAN, 5.6 MIL PAIR/HK
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